

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 7, 9, 14, 15 and 19, replace pending Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 with new Claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, and add new claims 26 and 27 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A game call comprising:

at least one striking plate member; and

at least one striking assembly, wherein said at least one striking assembly comprises a tube to amplify sounds simulative of turkeys and other game birds, wherein a sliding member is positioned within said tube, wherein a first striking plate is disposed on the bottom of said sliding member, and wherein said first striking plate is positioned to frictionally engage a top side of a striking block.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a second striking plate is disposed on the bottom of said at least one striking plate member.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said second striking plate provides a frictional surface for contacting a striking stick.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a cavity is formed on a top side of said at least one striking plate member, wherein said cavity functions as an acoustic chamber to amplify sounds simulative of turkeys and other game birds.

5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said cavity also functions to receive and removably attach said at least one striking plate member to said at least one striking assembly.

6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one acoustic channel is formed on a top side of said at least one striking plate member to amplify sounds simulative of turkeys and other game birds.

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8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~7~~ 1, wherein a said striking block is positioned towards the bottom of said tube, and wherein said striking block has a frictional top surface for engaging a striking plate.

9. (Cancel)

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 9 1, wherein said at least one striking assembly further comprises a pad for cushioning the contact between an inner wall of said tube and said sliding member.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 9 1, further comprising a sounding board positioned between said first striking plate and said second striking plate, wherein said sounding board functions to amplify the sounds simulative of turkeys and other game birds.

12. (Currently Amended) A game call comprising:

at least one striking plate member; and

at least one striking assembly, wherein said at least one striking assembly comprises a tube, a sliding member and at least one elastic retention member, wherein a first striking plate is disposed on the bottom of said sliding member, wherein a first end of said at least one elastic retention member is attached to a bottom inner wall of said tube, and wherein a second end of said at least one elastic retention member is attached to said sliding member.

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said

~~at least one striking assembly further comprises an acoustic tube~~
functions to amplify sounds simulative of turkeys and other game
birds.

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16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~15~~ 12, wherein
said at least one elastic retention member functions to automatically
return said sliding member to its original position within said tube.

17. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~15~~ 12, wherein
said at least one elastic retention member provides a downward force
that urges said sliding member against ~~said~~ a striking block.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of simulating and producing
game calls, said method comprising the step of:

moving a sliding member within an acoustic tube, wherein said
sliding member is slid over a pyramidal-shaped striking block, and
wherein a bottom side of said sliding member frictionally engages a
top side of said pyramidal-shaped striking block.

19. (Cancel)

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~19~~ 18, wherein said sliding member is returned to its original starting position within said acoustic tube by an elastic retention member, and wherein said elastic retention member also urges said bottom side of said sliding member against said top side of said pyramidal-shaped striking block.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~19~~ 18, wherein said game calls resound off a sounding board, resonate through a cavity formed within a striking plate member, travel through at least one channel formed within said striking plate member, and transmit out at least one aperture formed within said striking plate member.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~19~~ 18, wherein said game calls resound off said sounding board, resonate through said acoustic tube, and transmit out from a top side of said acoustic tube.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~19~~ 18, wherein said bottom of said sliding member has disposed thereon a striking plate, and wherein said top of said pyramidal-shaped striking block is a frictional surface.

24. (Currently Amended)The method of claim ~~19~~ 18, wherein said sliding member could be moved over said pyramidal-shaped striking block by a single hand.

25. (Currently Amended)The method of claim 20, wherein said sliding member and said pyramidal-shaped striking block may be operated in any physical orientation.

26. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said striking block is pyramidal-shaped.

27. (New) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said striking block is pyramidal-shaped.